

Reading: Multiple Choice

• **About the exam:** In this part of the exam you read a text and answer five multiple-choice questions. There are four options to choose from. One question may ask about the writer's feelings about something.

• **Strategies:**

- Look at the questions first.
- Read the whole text.
- Read the questions again carefully. Questions 1 and 5 are about the whole text.
- Identify the parts of the text where you can find the answers to the other questions.
- Check every option carefully. Then, choose the one that answers the question.

My Homeshare experience

I looked for a flat when I first came to London but it was really very difficult. I didn't like the idea of sharing with other students. I've seen a lot of student flats and they are sometimes dirty and often untidy. Living on my own wasn't possible because it was just too expensive.

That's when I discovered the Homeshare service. Elderly people who need help around the house offer to share their home with a younger person who needs accommodation. Instead of paying rent, the younger person agrees to help with jobs around the house. These are usually light cleaning and cooking but the most important thing you do is talk to the elderly person for a while. They're often very lonely.

Marjorie was. She's 74 and her husband died 20 years ago. She's a fantastic storyteller and a very clever person. I like to cook and we eat together at least four times a week. That gives us a chance to be together and talk. Marjorie asks me to do quite a lot of cleaning but that's not a problem for me. Homeshare has been great for both of us. It's given me somewhere to stay and both of us a new friend.



What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

- A to describe her everyday life
- B to talk about a flat she has lived in
- C to explain a service she thinks is very good
- D to say why it was difficult to find a flat

What would a reader learn about the writer from reading the text?

- A She likes her home to be clean and tidy.
- B She prefers to live alone.
- C She knew about Homeshare before she came to London.
- D She can afford to live by herself.

How does the writer think she helps Marjorie most?

- A by spending time with her
- B by doing the cleaning
- C by cooking her meals
- D by paying for her accommodation

How does the writer feel about Marjorie?

- A She feels sorry for her.
- B She admires her.
- C She thinks she too demanding.
- D She is worried about her.

Which of the following best describes the writer?

- A a young person who couldn't find any other young people to share a flat with
- B a young person who enjoys sharing her home with an older person
- C a young person who has to work in another person's house
- D a young person who would prefer to live alone

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